Feedback from the Nursery and Primary Education Council

on 16/06/22

Attended by APEEEL2 Representatives.

Your APEEEL2 representatives attended the last Nursery and Primary Education Council for this school year on Thursday 16/06/22 and are pleased to share with you the main topics which were discussed at this meeting:

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School population in Nursery and Primary

In Nursery, there is a small decrease in the number of new enrollments compared to last year. This is not definitive as the school can still receive new inscriptions during the summer from Category 1 families. In Primary, the school has received more than 130 new enrollments, which is a bit more than last year. There should be around 975 pupils in the Primary school, which represents a 3% increase compared to the Primary population in September 2021.
The school is concerned by some language sections whose numbers are decreasing (in the Danish, Hungarian and German sections) as this could mean having more merged classes. APEEEL2 suggested the School Management could take some targeted actions to promote those sections, as Lux1 did with their Dutch section (a video in Dutch is online on Lux1 website).

School start organization in September 2022

Teachers will be back on 01/09, whereas pupils will start school on 05/09 which is a Monday. In Nursery and Primary, this will exceptionally be a short day for organizational reasons. CPE, ATSEEE and APEEEL2 have been informed and adapted their organization accordingly.

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P1 pupils will start at 9:30, as pupils from other levels will already be in class. They will start their first day in Primary with a gathering in the playground. As usual, M1 pupils will have a staggered start all along the first week at school.
The School Management has planned to start L2 lessons, as well as European Hours on the first week of September. In case they receive many new inscriptions over the summer, this may be postponed. APEEEL2 thanked the school for their efforts to start with normal timetables as soon as possible after the first day at school.
Parents' meetings with class teachers also start the first week of September. Dates will be communicated to parents. Please note that meetings will start again to be organized at school, with no possibility to connect online.

School trips in Primary

The School Management has started again planning school trips per level for 2022/23 school year. All arrangements are not yet finalised, and more information will be communicated to parents in due time. However, we are pleased to share with you below draft calendar (dates are indicative and will be confirmed later by the School):

- P5 pupils should go on ski trip to Zinal (Switzerland) in December (from 07/12/22 until 14/12/22).
- P4 pupils will go to De Haan (Belgium) in June 2023 (from 05/06/23 until 09/06/23).
- P2 and P3 pupils should go to La Bresse (France) in Spring 2023.

APEEEL2 insisted for above dates to be confirmed to our new canteen provider Sodexo as soon as possible, so parents' canteen invoices can be adapted accordingly.

Transition Primary- Secondary

Parents and teachers' feedback is very positive regarding "Learn to Learn" sessions delivered to P5 pupils by Mrs Le Dorner, an expert in this field. Due to Covid restrictions, these sessions could not be organized early during this school year. APEEEL2 has now suggested moving them forward in the calendar, so P5 pupils can put into practice in class the tips and methodology they have learned before the summer holidays.
For the Transition Day to Secondary, P5 pupils benefitted from 4 different lessons from Secondary teachers, giving them a good opportunity to get familiar with the Secondary building and the different corridors. Eating at the Secondary canteen was also a good experience.
P5 pupils attended the P5 Ceremony on Wednesday 29 June, ending their school life in Primary. For more details on this event, please read our article on https://www.apeeel2.lu/p5-ceremony/

Book Fair

The School Management and your APEEEL2 representatives are very thankful to the new team of volunteer parents from "Les Mots de Zaza" who organized again the traditional book fair with a huge success. For more details on this event, please read our article on https://www.apeeel2.lu/book-fair-08-06-2022/

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Nursery

A new Nursery class will open in September in the Greek section, with a new teacher being recruited.
The exhibition “Art is in the Air” which was a common project from all classes enjoyed a huge success.
Regarding M2/P1 transition, M2 teachers and P1 teachers met on 16/06, and a series of visits to the Primary building was organized for the Nursery classes. Unfortunately, M2 pupils missed the visit to the canteen, as Primary pupils were still eating in class in June.

Miscellaneous

APEEEL2 raised again a recurrent parent’s query regarding the opening time for the Nursery and Primary schools. Both schools currently open at 8:15, and unfortunately it is not possible to open at 08:00. We asked for further explanations, as parents believed the current organization to open at 8:15 was linked to Covid restrictions. The Director for Nursery and Primary confirmed that a new school access policy is now in place. To ensure safe access to classrooms, as well as a peaceful start to the school day, pupils can only enter the school from 8:15.

APEEEL2 reminded the school about planned parents’ visits of the school premises, as many parents still did not know the school due to Covid restrictions for the past 2 years. The School Management answered that a big majority of teachers have organized class parties, or events at class level, to mark the end of the school year, thus giving a nice opportunity to parents to visit the school premises.

Finally, APEEEL2 insisted for the School to allow parents to look for their child’s lost belongings. It was confirmed that 2 afternoons will be planned by the end of June to allow parents access to “lost and found items”.

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